

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/11/13

Present: Andrea Nuttall; Ann Lee, Long Beach-South Bay Geo Initiative; Belanie Brand, LACDMH; Bernice Mascher; Bruce Wheatley, Inner City Industry; Chandlen Norton, Older Adults; Dana Cherry, South Bay FSP; Harold Turner, NAMI Urban LA; Hayden Fakhrabadi, OASOC; Helena Ditko, ASOC Family engagement; Irma Castaneda, DMH-EOB; James Randall, SA 2 Administration; Julie Loeb, PSB-CC/TIS Unit; Kumar Menon, LACDMH; Leticia Ximénez, Community and Government Relations Division, CCC Co-Chair; Lupe Ayala, SA7 Administration; Mary Lopez, Torres Martinez Tribal TANF; Michael Tredinnick, ACCESS Center; Reina De Cuellar, Wellness Ctr.; Rosina Guzman-Ehrlich, NAMI Westside L.A.; Scott Hanada, ASOC; Shirley Flournoy, TAY Division; Sunnie Whipple; Susan Moser, DMH-HRB; Sylvia Guerrero, PSB-CC/TIS Unit; Tomas Martinez, Pepperdine University; Trudy Washington, PSB-CC/TIS Unit; Williams Owens, AVWEC; Yue Hua Xu (Vicki), DMH SA 3.

Participants via WEBEX: Tim Beyer, PSB- QID, Yvonne Lazano, Starview.

Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		Co-chairs
Review of Minutes	8/14/13 minutes reviewed and approved.		Co-Chairs

<p>2013 Workgroup Subcommittee Updates</p> <p>CRDP--Similarities and Differences Among Ethnic/Cultural Groups</p>	<p>Dr. Borkheim reported that the “Rites of Passage in Childhood and Adolescence” Panel Presentation is scheduled to be held September 24, 2013, at the California Endowment Center from 8:50-11:00 a.m. At this time, coordination meetings between workgroup members and speakers are being held. The structure of the presentation has been developed by the workgroup. It will offer opportunities for an interactive exchange between panel speakers and audience members.</p> <p>Dr. Borkheim described the structure of the Powerpoint Presentation the CRDP workgroup is working on to convey the main ideas of the five California Reducing Disparity Project reports. The Powerpoint will cover eight main ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Introduction which will provide an overall summary of the five reports. • Difficulties in capturing the range of cultural differences within each ethnicity. • Need for community based analysis to understand mental health needs of ethnic populations. • Religious/spiritual forums characteristic of each ethnic group. • Components of therapeutic interventions for each of the ethnic groups. 		<p>Marc Borkheim, Ph.D.</p>
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Family and Spirituality Training Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations of family. • Cultural/ethnic considerations unique to each of the reports. • Crosswalk summary of recommendations made in each of the reports. <p>Chandler Norton (WET) informed the Committee about the upcoming Multicultural Practice Committee's conference on October 29-30th at Metropolitan State Hospital. The registration deadline is September 16th.</p>	Older Adult Administration Service Area 8 Administration	Chandler Norton, M.A., MFTI and Ann E. Lee, Ph.D.,
Cultural Competency e-News Column	The CCC e-News Subcommittee continues to maintain a goal of publishing one article per month in the DMH e-News column. Relevant articles related to cultural competency are being elicited from the CCC and others for publication. A handout was distributed containing: 2013 goals and objectives; e-News editorial ideas; article guidelines; and, contact information for Leticia Ximenez, Psy.D., CCC Co-Chair--for those interested in submitting an article.	DMH-CGRD Office of the Director (CCC Co-Chair)	Leticia Ximenez, Psy. D.
Reduction of Criminalization via Needs Assessment	Updated information not yet received for inclusion in the minutes.		

Presentation Dr. Marvin Southard	Dr. Marvin Southard presented his views and vision on the following topics, followed by an interactive group discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural competency, Reducing Disparities, the Spirituality Initiative, and Health Care Reform. • Recommendations for next steps and in what ways the CCC may be able to assist. • Thoughts regarding the 2013 CCC Workgroups and ideas for 2014 CCC Workgroups. 	Director of LACDMH	Marvin Southard, DSW
Announcements	Dr. Tredinnick, CCC Co-chair, announced, regrettably, that he will be unable to attend future CCC meetings for an indeterminate period of time due to his additional responsibilities at the ACCESS Center. He hopes to be able to again participate at a future date.		Michael Tredinnick, Ph.D., DMH-ACCESS Center (CCC Co-Chair)
Next meeting	Wednesday, October 9, 2013; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm 695 S. Vermont Ave., 15 th Floor Conference Room		

Respectfully Submitted,